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USS ENTERPRISE 50th Birthday Celebration

Norfolk, VA. -- In celebration of USS Enterprise's 50th year, a special tour of the aircraft carrier will be incorporated with the normal Naval Station Norfolk base tour on Monday, Nov. 28.

Buses will depart the Naval Tour and Information Center (9079 Hampton Blvd.) at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., Noon, 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. The tour will include a 45-minute narrated tour of the base and a 60-minute tour of USS Enterprise (CVN 65).

Tour prices, collected by the bus company, will remain the same as normally scheduled tours: \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 5-11 and senior citizens (60+). Due to the nature of the ship tour and safety concerns, children under the age of five cannot be accommodated.

Commissioned in 1961, USS Enterprise is celebrating her 50th year on November 25, and holds the title of the oldest active commissioned warship in the Navy. USS

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Constitution is older, but is not an active warship. Enterprise is the eighth ship to hold the name Enterprise, and is the Navy's first nuclear powered aircraft carrier. Enterprise has eight nuclear reactors, and is the largest ship in the Navy.

The Enterprise has served in every major military conflict since its commissioning. From the Cuban Missile Crisis to six tours in Vietnam to the first strikes against Al Qaeda in October 2001, the Enterprise is one of the most decorated and storied ships in our Navy.

The ship will deploy to the Middle East one last time this Spring and, upon return, will begin deactivation and decommissioning, which is scheduled for 2015.

For more information on the tours, please call the Naval Tour and Information Center at 757 444-7955.

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